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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 7-15 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. In this response, no claims have been added, cancelled or amended.

In the Final Office Action, dated January 20, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-15 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujimoto (US Patent No. 5,966,468). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Assignee respectfully submits that Fujimoto does not disclose each and every element of the rejected claims, as amended, and, therefore, a prima facie case under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) has not been established. As just an example, referring to claim 1, Fujimoto does not show or describe at least, "an image-processing component adapted to generate data to display a preliminary scanned image model for use in processing at least a portion of a scanned image, and further adapted to receive a selection of a compression model from among a plurality of compression models defining a plurality of compression ratios for use in processing a scanned image; and an image-capturing component adapted to generate said scanned image in response to a selection of a compression model." as recited in claim 1.

Fujimoto is directed toward discriminating regions of an image, setting encoding methods for the various regions, and displaying communication charges for the discriminated regions. There is no mention of at least "an image-processing component adapted to generate data to display a preliminary scanned image model for use in processing at least a portion of a scanned image" as recited in claim 1. For example, as stated from col 2:17 – 2:24 of Fujimoto, "an image processing apparatus including input means for inputting an image, dividing means for dividing the image into a plurality of image regions in accordance with image features, setting means for setting encoding methods in units of image regions divided by the dividing means, display means for displaying region information including information indicating the encoding method set by the setting means in units of image regions". (emphasis

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supplied). Additionally, as stated from 4:42 – 5:11, "In step S402, the original is prescanned by, e.g., a color scanner (not shown) in the image input unit 201 in accordance with an instruction from the CPU 207, and R, G, and B multi-value image data are input. Based on the input data, color and monochrome regions are discriminated, and the image is divided into regions. ... the flow advances to step S405, and predicted communication charges in units of regions are displayed on the display unit 205 in accordance with an instruction from the CPU 207."

As can be seen from the cited portions of Fujimoto, there is no contemplation of displaying "a preliminary scanned image model". Fujimoto clearly describes discriminating regions of a scanned image, setting encoding methods for the various regions, and then displaying communication charges for the discriminated regions. The image in Fujimoto that is displayed is an image including discriminated regions, and is displayed after encoding methods are determined.

Assignee respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons presented above, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been established, and, therefore, claim 1 is in a condition for allowance. It is noted that many other bases for traversing the rejection could be provided, but Assignee believes that this ground is sufficient. Additionally, it is respectfully requested that claims 2-5 and 7-15 are in a condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as presented for claim 1. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw his rejections of these claims.

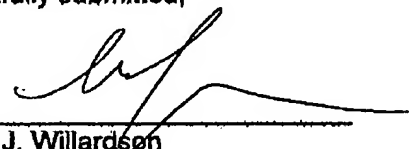
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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